GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Ban on Plastic Bags
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to ban plastic bags thinner than 50 microns;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the rural areas are likely to be brought under the ambit of the said ban; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) to (d) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has comprehensively revised the Plastic Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011, and notified Plastic Waste (Management) Rule in March, 2016. These rules prohibit manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of plastic carry bags less than 50 micron in thickness. The rural areashave also been brought under the purview of these revised Rules.

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